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II. Remarks

Reconsideration and re-examination of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is herein respectfully requested.

Claims 2-13, and 15-27 remain pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

The examiner has indicated that claims 5-10 and 17-22 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claims 5 and 17 have been rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim Objections

Claims 1 and 14 are objected to because of what the examiner perceived as inconsistency in the terminology. Both claims 1 and 14 have been cancelled. Additionally, newly independent claims 5 and 17 do not refer to "the switch" and thereby have antecedent basis for all terminology.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 2-4, 11, 15-16, and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 2000338928 to Kawabata (Kawabata) in view of U.S. Patent 5,716,323 to Lee (Lee).



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Claims 2-4, 11, 15-16, and 23 now depend from claims 5 or 17 and are, therefore, patentable for at least the same reasons as given above in support of claims 5 and 17.

Claims 12-13 and 24-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 2000338928 to Kawabata (Kawabata) in view of U.S. Patent 5,716,323 to Lee (Lee) as applied to claims 1 and 11 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent 5,500,546 to Marum et al. (Marum)

Claims 12-13, and 24-25 now depend from claims 5 or 17 and are, therefore, patentable for at least the same reasons as given above in support of claims 5 and 17.

New Claims

New claims 26 and 27 depend from claim 5 and 17, respectively, and are, therefore, patentable for at least the same reasons as given above in support of claims 5 and 17.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present form of the claims are patentably distinguishable over the art of



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record and that this application is now in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

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